

AGENDA ITEM: Access Services: Multitype Pilot Loan Programs**GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:****Interlibrary Loan Pilot Program:**

Exhibit A contains first quarter transactions (July-September 2001) for the interlibrary loan pilot program and a summary of the first quarter 2001/02 statistics. Also included as Exhibit A is a revised copy of 2000/01 statistics.

Exhibit B shows the interlibrary loan pilot program information document available on the Library of California Web site. This document has been updated to reflect the program funding, prorating, and membership requirements that have been in force since the beginning of the current fiscal year.

As libraries have applied to their regional networks for Library of California membership, they have been required to indicate which resource sharing access service they will provide to other members. 335 libraries have indicated that they would participate in interlibrary loan. As of October 12, 97 member libraries, or 28%, are participating in the interlibrary loan pilot program. Those libraries not participating have received a letter (please see Exhibit C) explaining the existence and purpose of the program along with an invitation to expand resource sharing by participating in the pilot program.

Handling/Delivery Cost Study

The cost of this study is estimated at more than \$100,000. Due to the implementation of recently mandated reductions in the 2001/02 state operations portion of the Library of California budget, there is no longer sufficient funding available to support the design and execution of a cost study of interlibrary loan handling and delivery costs and direct loan handling costs during the current fiscal year. The use of local assistance funding is also not possible because it has all been allocated to statewide or regional programs.

The Department of Finance has required staff to submit additional reductions in state operations and local assistance at the 3%-5%-10% and 15% levels for 2002/03. Implementation of these reductions will make it impossible to support the cost study out of state operations funding. Staff has identified two potential funding options which the Board may wish to pursue: 1) using Library of California 2002/03 local assistance funds; or 2) requesting that the State Librarian consider the use of LSTA funds. Staff requests advice from the Board regarding these two options.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: What funding formulas are appropriate for the loan components of Library of California access services?

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